

Prime contractors cannot be subcontractors on other teams within the same group. A subcontractor can be on multiple teams for different tasks and projects. A subcontractor cannot be on multiple teams for the same tasks and projects. The subcontractor restriction does not apply to minor subcontractors or Disabled Veteran Business Entities that are minor subcontractors.

California-Based Entities

Pursuant to AB 2267 (Fuentes, 2008), the Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research Program must give a priority to "California-based entities" (CBEs) when making awards. Therefore, CBEs and/or government entities located and operating in California (such as school districts, special districts, and state, federal and local governments) must receive at least 60 percent of the PIER funds (see Attachments 12 and 13).

California Secretary of State Registration

CBEs and non-CBEs conducting intrastate business in California are required to register and be in good standing with the California Secretary of State in order to enter into a funding agreement with the Energy Commission. If not currently registered with the California Secretary of State, Applicants are encouraged to contact the Secretary of State's Office as soon as possible to avoid potential delays in beginning the project if successful. For more information, visit the California Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov.

Funds Spent in California

At least 60% of PIER funds must be spent in California on expenses that fall within the categories identified in Attachment B-2 (Category Summary) of Attachment 5 (Budget Forms). These expenses include direct labor, fringe benefits, equipment, materials/miscellaneous, minor subcontractors, indirect overhead, general and administrative costs, and travel costs with the exception of travel for meetings such as conferences, workshops, seminars, and symposiums (please see the discussion of travel costs in the "Match Funding Requirements" section below).

"Spent in California" means that:

- Funds under the "Direct Labor" category and all categories calculated based on direct labor in the B-4 budget attachments (Prime and Subcontractor Labor Rates) are paid to individuals that perform the work funded by the agreement while they are physically present in California. For example, if an individual is physically present in California for 20% of the time in which he or she performs work under the agreement, 20% of the direct labor funds and funds from categories based on direct labor (e.g., fringe benefits) are considered "spent in California" for that individual.
- Business transactions (e.g., material and equipment purchases, leases, and rentals) will be entered into with a business located in California.

Airline ticket purchases are not considered funds "Spent in California."

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The Energy Commission is seeking proposals for research projects that achieve the following goals:

- Advance the energy efficiency of new and existing residential and commercial buildings
- Reduce electricity and/or natural gas use, energy cost, peak demand, and GHG emissions
- Stimulate California's economic growth by attracting and developing businesses and creating and supporting jobs in California